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Preliminary Amendment

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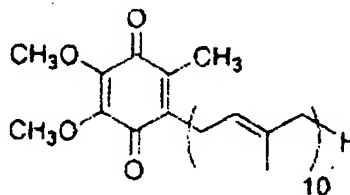
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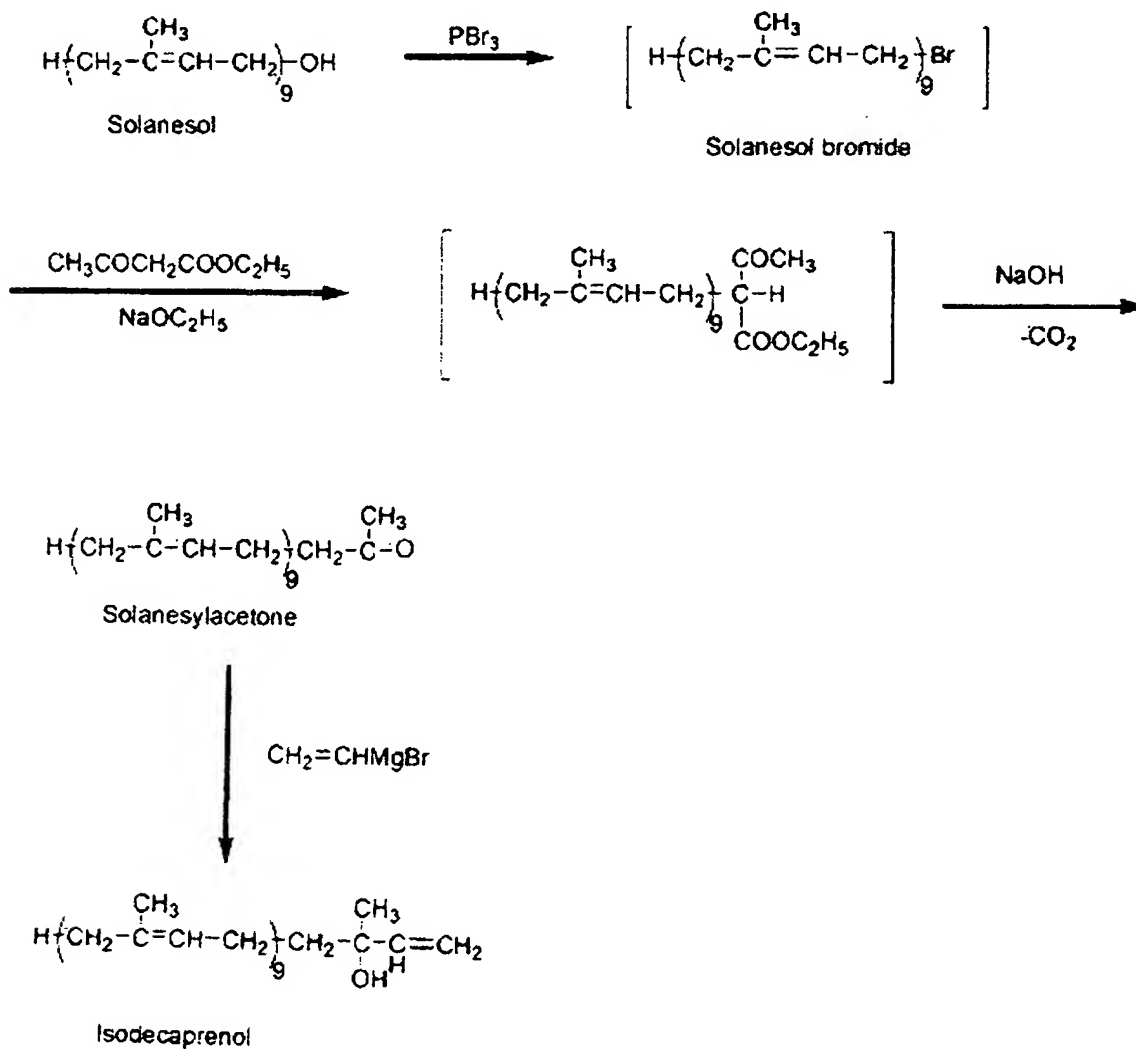
- - 16 (new) The stereo specific optically pure trans (E) isomer of coenzyme Q10 having the formula



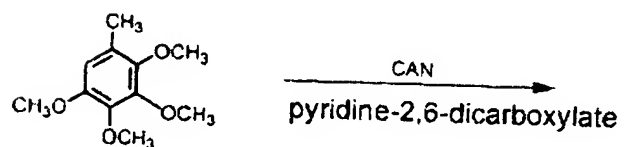
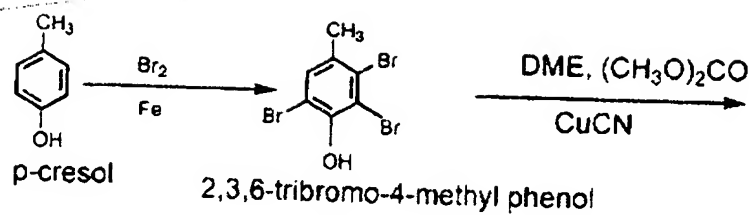
Ubiquinone

produced by the process

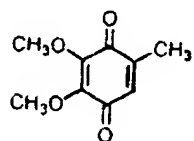
which comprises extracting solanesol from tobacco dust using hexane and using said solanesol as the starting material for carrying out the following sequence of reactions resulting in the ~~formulation~~ formation of isodecaprenol.



separately carrying out the following:



2,3,4,5-tetramethoxytoluene



2,3-dimethoxy-5-methylhydroquinone

thereafter reacting the isodecaprenol prepared from the solanesylacetone and 2,3-dimethoxy-5-methyl-hydroquinone to form the optically pure Ubiquinone.

